

**Consumer Task Force**  
**June 26, 2007**  
**Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards**  
**10:00 am - noon**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:** Tandy Bidinger, Jacqui Day, Sara Harrison, Michael Daeschlein, Joe Longcor, Rob Curtner, Tony Wong, RoAnne Chaney, Verna Spayth, Jackie Tichnell, John Jokish, Tari Muniz, Laura Hall, Suanne McBrien, Orystine Gulley, Paul Palmer, Esther VanHammen, Robert VanHammen, Robin Ripmaster, Carolyn Brown, Mary Ablan, Jane Church, Nora Barkey, Helen Hicks, Marion Owen, Michael Head, Ruth Smith, Megan Bouchard

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Minutes** - May minutes were approved. Executive Committee minutes distributed.
- 3. Person-Centered Planning Implementation Guidelines** - Rob Curtner provided a clarification regarding the two Person-Centered Planning documents:
  - The PCP Practice Guidelines are currently in public comment period. Comments are due to Gloria Lanum by July 9.
  - PCP Implementation Guidelines are to help agencies to use person-centered planning within their agency. This is meant to help the agency make the person the center of the planning process, as an outline to culture change. The following web site may be used to help understand this:

<http://www.mds-nh.org/mds/html/followupselfdetermination.htm.htm#con>

At this point, the Office has not decided how best to use this presentation. It was noted that lots of primary consumer

input must be used to determine the measures to use. What kinds of questions are asked on any measurement tools. (???)

Past experience of one member shows that the direct care staff is not always aware of what the person-centered plan contains. They do not know of the consumer's preferences.

Making a DVD of Sally Burton-Hoyle's presentation on preplanning that she did at the Self-Determination Conference may be very useful.

#### **4. Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services -**

- There are 2 new grants the Office is going to submit in July.
  - One on the State profile - the Office will probably contract with U of M for technical assistance on this grant, and
  - Person-Centered Planning that focuses on informal supports. The Office will work with the mental health system to coordinate this grant across both systems. This grant may be integrated with the Communities for Life programs.

Consumer Task Force members who are interested in participating in either or both of these grants should contact either Jackie Tichnell or Michael Daeschlein.

- The Budget is in the House. It currently includes an expansion of MI Choice funding and a small pay raise for home help workers.
- The Office has submitted to the Governor a request to fill several positions.
- The Office is going to present an LTC Issues Forum. It is scheduled for July 26 at the Capitol View Building. This may be a quarterly event. It was noted this date is the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and this should be recognized at the Forum.

#### **5. Project Updates - in addition to the written updates -**

- Self-Determination in Long-Term Care - there will be a series of phone calls to obtain input on several issues. The first one is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup> with a program overview.
- Medicaid Infrastructure Grant - The issue with the State Plan amendment to allow for personal care in the workplace is still being resolved. The issue has nothing to do with the workplace but adult foster care. MSA has sent a letter to CMS to ask for help in resolving the problem. In addition, the Office has been in contact with the grants office at CMS to do the same. There is nothing for the Consumer Task Force to do at this point. There was a request to clarify Project Search that was presented at the Self-Determination Conference. This is a project to employ persons with disabilities. Currently, this project is working with the Hope Network in Michigan.
- Single Point of Entry (LTC Connections) - The draft of the Information and Assistance survey was distributed for comments. It was noted that consumers may be doing the interviews with other consumers. Comments should be made to Jackie by July 9. This tool is focused on information and assistance and not service delivery. The issue of the lack of consumers on the SPE boards was raised. One way to help fix this problem is for the Consumer Task Force to help identify consumers for the boards. It was also noted that the Office would get more feedback from consumers if focus groups were more conversational.
- Self-Determination - Preliminary results of the Self-Determination Conference evaluations indicate another successful conference. The Office received approval for a no-cost 6-month extension of the Money Follows the Person grant. The same extension was denied for the Independence Plus grant.

- 6. Consumer Introductions** - In an effort to get to know each other better, it had been suggested that each month, two task force members could tell about themselves. Laura Hall and Paul Palmer were the members this month.
- 7. Consumer Comments** -
- Esther VanHammen provided a picture of the new sign at the lake to indicate there was someone in a wheelchair in that area. Now she is working with the county commission and newspapers to make it known (apparently people don't read signs!) Good Work, Esther!
  - Suanne is trying to get sidewalks in East Lansing. MDOT has agreed to it, but there is not further information on the issue. She was asking if anyone knew how to get things moving again.
- 8. Next Meeting** - Project managers were asked to bring stories, and people, if possible. Jackie will follow-up on getting pictures of project managers on the update reports. It was suggested that part of the time be used to get to know each other, experiences, and what they bring to the meeting. Joe suggested showing a 30-minute video from Disability Today that includes personal stories.

Next meetings: July 24, 2007,

10:00 - noon - Consumer Task Force

1:00 - 2:00 - Executive Committee Meeting

2:00 - 3:00 - Person-Centered Planning Phone  
Conference Call

**Lewis Cass Building**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**